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Burt Doughty,  
Supervisor of Environmental Affairs  
Cyprus Thompson Creek  
P. O. Box 62  
Clayton, Idaho 83227

RE: NPDES Permit No.: ID-002540-2

Dear Mr. Doughty:

Following our conversation of May 5, 1986, it is my understanding that Cyprus will be amending the above referenced NPDES permit application submitted in December, 1985. The primary purpose will be to address a potential mine closure, and subsequent tailings impoundment discharge that could occur in about 2-1/2 years.

As we discussed, the attached application should be completed as a supplement to the previously submitted application, with the tailings impoundment discharge designated as "Outfall #004." I would also like to request that you provide additional detail on how discharges would be controlled and/or monitored during the mine closure period.

It is apparent that there will be additional delays in reissuing the Cyprus NPDES permit. Although the existing permit expires on June 10, 1986, the conditions of this permit will remain in effect until the effective date of a reissued permit, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act [5 U.S.C. 558(c)].

If you should have any further questions, please contact me at 334-1453.

Sincerely,

*Wally Scarburgh*

Wally Scarburgh,  
NPDES Permits Coordinator

Enclosure

cc: Larry Koenig, IDHW-DOE, Boise  
Gordon Hopson, IDHW-DOE, Pocatello